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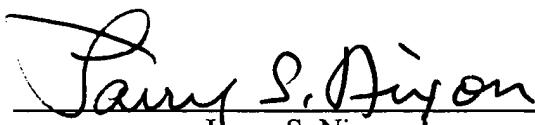
JP 2000-44326 is discussed on page 1 of the specification.

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